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PRODUCTION  
CURRENT SITUATION

## 1975 SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE CANNED FRUIT PACK LARGER

The Southern Hemisphere reports a larger canned deciduous fruit pack in 1975. Total production is estimated at 22.6 million cases (equivalent 24/2½ basis), 9 percent above that of 1974 and 11 percent above the 1966-70 average. All major producers reported larger packs. Australian production (8.9 million cases) was larger than the small 1974 pack, but below average, while South Africa reported a record 10.2 million cases. Argentine production is estimated at 2.8 million cases and Chilean production at 0.7 million cases.

Current estimates indicate smaller 1975 exports. Demand was lower in the important European markets—which faced difficult economic conditions last year—and canned fruit prices were higher, reflecting inflationary pressures and currency realignments. Total Southern Hemisphere exports are estimated at 11.1 million cases, 17 percent above those of 1974. Australian exports are estimated at 4.1 million cases and South African exports at 6.2 million cases.

### Australia

Australia reports canned deciduous fruit production in 1975 exceeded pre-harvest forecasts. Bright sunny weather with low humidity before and during harvest lifted peach yields in the Goulburn Valley by causing the lowest brown rot and other preharvest disease levels in many years. Canned peach production totaled 3.7 million cases, 49 percent above 1974's but below average. Reports indicate future peach production will be held below former levels because of the substantial number of trees lost in the 1973 floods and wet conditions in 1974 in the Goulburn Valley.

Canned pear supplies were about the same, despite the smaller 1975 pack. The 1975 production totaled 2.9 million cases, 7 percent below the previous year's, but carry in stocks were higher. Hail damage and black spot disease reduced the canning-quality-grade portion of the pear crop, but the production level was mainly dictated by canning restrictions intended to hold production to anticipated market requirements.

Canners offered higher producer prices for apricots, encouraging a larger pack in spite of below average crops in

Victoria and south Australia. Canned apricot production totaled 647,000 cases, 17 percent above the 1974 pack of 553,000 cases, but below the 1966-70 average.

Mixed fruit production was substantially higher than in 1974, but slightly below the 1966-70 average. The mixed fruit pack is estimated at 1.7 million cases. Individual mixed fruit items were: Fruit cocktail 764,000 cases, fruit salad 58,000 cases, and two-fruits 837,000 cases.

Domestic consumption is a relatively small portion of the Australian canned fruit pack, but when broken down on a per capita basis approximates that of the United States. Reports indicate that Australian's per capita consumption of canned apricots and pears is above that of the United States while apple product and peach consumption is lower. Per capita consumption of mixed fruit is slightly larger. Total 1975 domestic utilization is estimated at 3.3 million cases, slightly more than the 3.2 million cases consumed in 1974, but slightly less than the 1973 record of 3.4 million cases.

Export sales provide the primary outlet for Australian canned fruit. Calendar 1975 movement began at a reasonable pace, but started to falter in early March and never regained its momentum. Preliminary reports indicate 1975 exports totaled 4.1 million cases, 21 percent below 1974's and 41 percent below the 1966-70 average. Exports of all items were below 1974's except those of apricots and even these were below normal. Shipments to the United Kingdom (the largest export market for all Australian canned fruit) and West Germany were down sharply. Canada, Scandinavia, and Japan are other important markets. Some shipments were also made to the Middle East.

Victoria is the center of Australian canned fruit production and processed 70 percent of the 1974 pack. It is the major producer of all canning fruits—accounting for 44 percent of bearing peach acreage, 72 percent of pear acreage, and 29 percent of apricot acreage. The Goulburn Valley in Victoria suffered major flooding in 1973 and wet conditions in 1974 that killed substantial numbers of peach trees. Australian fruit acreage reflects this situation and 1974/75 acreage levels of peaches are considerably below those of 1972/73. Bearing peach acreage totals 1.5 million

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pears 1.9 million trees, and apricots .7 million trees.

Minimum 1975 grower prices were substantially higher for all items. Clingstone peaches and apricots made the largest gains, increasing to US\$245 per metric ton for peaches (clear center) and to \$238 for apricots. Canners are required to pay at least these minimum levels to qualify for sugar rebates paid under the Sugar Agreement between the Australian Government and the State of Queensland. They are currently in a severe financial squeeze, however, and reports indicate growers have received only 40-60 percent of 1975 minimum prices. Australia has decided to make available to canners \$4 million (US\$5 million) in emergency loans jointly with the states.

percent below 1974's. Difficult world economic conditions slowed export movement through much of the 1975 season. Sales were stimulated after South Africa devalued the rand in late September. Canned peach exports are estimated at 3.7 million cases, pears 800,000 cases, mixed fruit 1.4 million cases and apricots 300,000 cases. The United Kingdom is the largest market for all South African canned fruits.

The Canning Fruit Board set higher minimum grower prices for all 1975 canning fruits. Minimum prices for apricots were US\$160 per ton, peaches \$168 per ton, and Bartlett pears \$128 per ton. Average farm prices received, however, were below those of 1974 because smaller premiums were paid by canners.

## South Africa

South Africa recorded a record canned deciduous fruit pack in 1975 totaling 10.2 million cases, 3 percent above that of 1974 and 31 percent above the 1966-70 average. Packs of apricots and peaches were larger, while the pack of pears approximated that of 1974 and the mixed fruit pack was lower.

Grower deliveries of canning apricots, peaches, and pears were all larger than in 1974. Favorable weather conditions, young Bulida variety trees coming into full bearing, and sufficient irrigation combined to produce a heavy apricot crop.

Production of canned apricots totaled 717,000 cases, 50 percent above the short 1974 pack and 8 percent above average.

South Africa reports a record 1975 canned peach pack of 6.2 million cases, slightly above 1974's and 31 percent above the 1966-70 average. Canned pear production was approximately the same as in 1974, totaling 1.5 million cases.

Domestic canned fruit consumption is relatively small (about 12 percent) and export sales are the major outlet. Total 1975 exports are estimated at 6.2 million cases, 17

## South America

Argentina and Chile report larger 1975 canned fruit packs. Production in 1975 is estimated at 2.8 million cases in Argentina, and 700,000 cases in Chile.

Favorable weather during bloom and growing periods contributed to the bumper 1975 Argentina canned fruit pack. Production by items is estimated as follows: Peaches 1.8 million cases, mixed fruit 610,000 cases, pears 340,000 cases, apricots 29,400 cases, and cherries 22,000 cases.<sup>1</sup>

Weather conditions were also excellent in Chile during the growing season where production was reported 11 percent above that of 1974. Individual 1975 estimates were peaches 474,000 cases and other fruits and juices 178,000 cases.

Argentina and Chile are predominantly exporters of canned peaches. Preliminary reports estimate slightly larger Argentine canned fruit exports in 1975 of 650,000 cases and Chilean exports of 120,000 cases. Argentina exports are reportedly about 90 percent peaches and 10 percent other fruits. Comparable 1974 exports were Argentina 600,000 cases, and Chile 111,000 cases (80,800 cases of peaches and 30,200 of fruit pulp). Brazil, West Germany, and Peru are important Argentine export markets. Chilean exports are directed to Latin American markets.

## AUSTRALIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED DECIDUOUS FRUIT PRODUCTION

(In thousands of cases 1/)

Kind of fruit	Average	1956-60 : 1961-65 : 1966-70	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975 2/
<u>Apricots:</u>							
Australia .....	702	651	782	1,206	840	687	553
South Africa .....	742	816	663	721	596	603	478
Total .....	1,444	1,467	1,445	1,927	1,436	1,290	1,364
<u>Peaches:</u>							
Australia .....	1,863	3,183	4,546	4,854	4,478	4,610	2,515
South Africa .....	2,084	3,325	4,752	5,526	5,472	5,331	6,105
Total .....	3,947	6,508	9,298	10,380	9,950	9,941	8,620
<u>Pears:</u>							
Australia .....	2,130	2,788	3,115	3,478	2,225	2,984	3,102
South Africa .....	550	954	1,394	1,562	1,379	1,527	1,506
Total .....	2,680	3,742	4,509	5,040	3,604	4,511	4,608
<u>Mixed fruits:</u>							
Australia .....	233	517	1,698	1,777	1,909	2,091	1,369
South Africa .....	379	338	948	1,346	1,380	1,489	1,819
Total .....	612	855	2,646	3,123	3,289	3,580	3,188
1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.							
2/ Estimate.							

AUSTRALIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED DECIDUOUS FRUIT EXPORTS  
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Kind of fruit	Average	Calendar Year						
		1956-60	1961-65	1966-70	1971	1972	1973	1974
<u>Apricots:</u>								
Australia	360	201	322	358	290	353	164	170
South Africa	698	781	636	523	648	602	380 <u>3/</u>	274 <u>3/</u>
Total	1,058	982	958	881	938	955	544	444
<u>Peaches:</u>								
Australia	1,004	1,761	3,159	2,733	2,632	3,733	1,428	1,300
South Africa	1,667	3,011	4,259	4,148	5,192	5,415	4,623 <u>3/</u>	3,698 <u>3/</u>
Total	2,671	4,772	6,418	6,881	7,824	9,148	6,051	4,998
<u>Pears:</u>								
Australia	1,544	2,098	2,229	2,372	2,114	2,961	2,044	1,600
South Africa	388	829	1,162	1,111	1,241	1,454	1,091 <u>3/</u>	840 <u>3/</u>
Total	2,043	2,927	3,391	3,483	3,355	4,415	3,135	2,440
<u>Mixed fruit:</u>								
Australia	103	281	1,157	1,309	1,448	1,641	953	1,000
South Africa <u>3/</u>	<u>4/</u>	277	791	1,003	1,439	1,432	1,311	1,360
Total	—	558	1,948	2,312	2,887	3,073	2,264	2,360

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1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cans.

2/ Forecast.

3/ Year beginning November 1.

4/ Not available.

CALENDAR YEAR EXPORTS OF CANNED FRUIT BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION  
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Fruit and Destination	Australia		South Africa	
	1973	1974	1973	1974
<u>Apricots:</u>				
United Kingdom .....	149	84	256	2/
Continental Europe .....	93	33	212	2/
Canada .....	70	15	61	2/
Other .....	41	33	73	2/
Total .....	353	164	602	3/380
<u>Peaches:</u>				
United Kingdom .....	1,280	568	2,975	2/
Continental Europe .....	1,357	360	1,673	2/
Canada .....	397	131	135	2/
Other .....	699	369	632	2/
Total .....	3,733	1,428	5,415	3/4,623
<u>Pears:</u>				
United Kingdom .....	1,518	1,111	1,194	2/
Continental Europe .....	950	457	162	2/
Canada .....	329	283	2	2/
Other .....	164	193	96	2/
Total .....	2,961	2,044	1,454	3/1,091
<u>Mixed fruit:</u>				
United Kingdom .....	881	455	2/	2/
Continental Europe .....	376	237	2/	2/
Canada .....	263	113	2/	2/
Other .....	121	148	2/	2/
Total .....	1,641	953	3/1,432	3/1,311

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  cans.

2/ Not available.

3/ Year beginning November 1.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board and South African Annual Trade Statistics.

AUSTRALIAN CANNED FRUIT PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS, 1971-75  
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Canned Fruit	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975 2/
Production:					
Apricots .....	1,206	840	687	553	647
Mixed fruit .....	1,777	1,909	2,091	1,369	1,659
Peaches .....	4,854	4,478	4,610	2,515	3,739
Pears .....	3,478	2,225	2,984	3,102	2,875
:					
Total deciduous ...	11,315	9,452	10,372	7,539	8,920
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Exports:					
Apricots .....	358	290	353	164	170
Mixed fruit .....	1,309	1,448	1,641	953	1,000
Peaches .....	2,733	2,632	3,733	1,428	1,300
Pears .....	2,372	2,114	2,961	2,044	1,600
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Total deciduous ...	6,772	6,484	8,688	4,589	4,070

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate.

AUSTRALIAN PACKOUT OF ALL CANNED FRUIT, 1971-74  
(In percent)

Grade	1971	1972	1973	1974
:				
Fancy .....	5.7	10.4	12.2	1.9
Choice .....	61.6	57.6	60.5	68.2
Standard .....	17.1	20.6	19.2	14.4
Domestic .....	15.6	11.4	8.1	15.5

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruit Board.

## AUSTRALIAN CANNED FRUIT PACK BY QUALITY

GRADE, AND CAN SIZE, 1974

(In thousands of cases 1/)

Grade	Apricots	Peaches	Pears	Mixed fruit 2/	Total
Fancy (export)					
No. 2½ .....	4	12	37	---	53
No. 1 .....	1	4	31	---	36
8 oz. .....	---	5	---	---	5
No. 10 .....	4	20	25	---	49
Total .....	9	41	93	---	143
Choice (export)					
No. 2½ .....	79	752	1,089	352	2,272
No. 1 .....	69	483	1,048	553	2,153
8 oz. .....	9	27	52	44	132
No. 10 .....	32	178	249	127	586
Total .....	189	1,440	2,438	1,076	5,143
Standard (export)					
No. 2½ .....	92	191	255	142	680
No. 1 .....	41	54	92	76	263
8 oz. .....	1	---	5	1	7
No. 10 .....	18	56	24	38	136
Total .....	152	301	376	257	1,086
Domestic Pack					
No. 2½ .....	152	576	138	22	888
No. 1 .....	37	104	43	6	190
8 oz. .....	1	3	1	1	6
No. 10 .....	13	53	13	8	87
Total .....	209	736	195	37	1,171
Grand total ...	553	2,518	3,102	1,370	7,543

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Includes all mixed fruits other than tropical fruit salad.

NOTE: Some No. 2 cans included under No. 1's and some 5 oz. and 10 oz. under 8 oz.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

AUSTRALIAN CANNED APRICOT SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, 1972-75  
 (In thousands of cases <sup>1/</sup>)

Item	1972	1973	1974	1975 <sup>2/</sup>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ....	439	401	212	96
Production .....	840	687	553	647
Total .....	1,279	1,088	765	743
Distribution:				
Exports .....	290	353	164	170
Domestic consumption .....	588	523	505	500
Ending stocks, December 31 ....	401	212	96	73
Total .....	1,279	1,088	765	743

<sup>1/</sup> Cases of equivalent 24 No.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cans.

<sup>2/</sup> Estimate.

AUSTRALIAN MIXED FRUIT PACK COMPOSITION,  
 AVERAGE 1961-65, 1966-70, AND ANNUAL 1971-75  
 (In thousands of cases <sup>1/</sup>)

Year	Fruit cocktail	Fruit salad	Two-fruits	Total
1961-65 .....	175	50	292	517
1966-70 .....	811	78	809	1,698
1971 .....	816	89	872	1,777
1972 .....	1,109	87	713	1,909
1973 .....	1,067	79	945	2,091
1974 <sup>2/</sup> .....	705	37	628	1,370
1975 <sup>2/</sup> .....	764	58	837	1,659

<sup>1/</sup> Cases of equivalent 24 No.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cans.

<sup>2/</sup> Estimate.

AUSTRALIAN CANNED PEACH SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, 1972-75  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1972	1973	1974	1975 2/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ....	1,099	1,504	928	364
Production .....	<u>4,478</u>	<u>4,610</u>	<u>2,518</u>	<u>3,739</u>
Total .....	<u>5,577</u>	<u>6,114</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>4,103</u>
Distribution:				
Exports .....	2,632	3,733	1,428	1,300
Domestic consumption .....	1,441	1,453	1,654	1,450
Ending stocks, December 31 ....	<u>1,504</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>364</u>	<u>1,353</u>
Total .....	<u>5,577</u>	<u>6,114</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>4,103</u>

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate.

AUSTRALIAN CANNED PEAR SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, 1972-75  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1972	1973	1974	1975 2/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ....	1,864	1,301	477	669
Production .....	<u>2,225</u>	<u>2,984</u>	<u>3,102</u>	<u>2,875</u>
Total .....	<u>4,089</u>	<u>4,285</u>	<u>3,579</u>	<u>3,544</u>
Distribution:				
Exports .....	2,114	2,961	2,044	1,600
Domestic consumption .....	674	847	866	850
Ending stocks, December 31 ....	<u>1,301</u>	<u>477</u>	<u>669</u>	<u>1,094</u>
Total .....	<u>4,089</u>	<u>4,285</u>	<u>3,579</u>	<u>3,544</u>

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate.

AUSTRALIAN CANNED MIXED FRUIT 1/ SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, 1972-75  
 (In thousands of cases 2/)

Item	1972	1973	1974	1975 3/
Supply:	:	:	:	:
Beginning stocks, January 1 .....	857	798	699	581
Production .....	1,909	2,091	1,369	1,659
	:	:	:	:
Total .....	2,766	2,889	2,068	2,240
	:	:	:	:
Distribution:	:	:	:	:
Exports .....	1,448	1,641	953	1,000
Domestic consumption .....	520	549	534	500
Ending stocks, December 31 .....	798	699	581	740
	:	:	:	:
Total	2,766	2,889	2,068	2,240

1/ Canned composite packs, including fruit salad, fruit cocktail, and diced two-fruit mixtures.

2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

3/ Estimate.

AUSTRALIAN CANNED FRUIT MINIMUM GROWER PRICES  
 PER METRIC TON 1/ FOR FIRST-QUALITY FRUIT,  
 1972-75 SEASONS  
 (In U.S. dollars)

Fruit	1972 2/	1973 2/	1974 2/	1975 2/
	:	:	:	:
Apricots .....	134	146	173	238
Peaches:	:	:	:	:
Cling, clear center .....	128	151	173	245
Cling, other .....	123	146	168	239
Freestone .....	90	107	124	170
Pears:	:	:	:	:
Bartlett .....	117	139	147	170

1/ Delivered to either the grower's railroad siding or to the cannery door.

2/ Quotations converted to U.S. dollars at rate applicable at time of quotation and are not directly comparable to prior years. For example, 1973 peach and pear quotations were unchanged from 1972 in Australian dollars.

SOURCE: Australian Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee

AUSTRALIAN CANNED DECIDUOUS FRUIT PRODUCTION BY STATE  
AVERAGE 1961-65, 1966-70 AND ANNUAL 1971-74  
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Kind of Fruit	New South	Victoria	South	Other	Total
	Wales		Australia	States	:
<u>Canned apricots:</u>					
Average:					
1961-65 .....	110	294	214	33	651
1966-70 .....	124	465	179	14	782
Annual:					
1971 .....	200	649	334	23	1,206
1972 .....	163	480	193	4	840
1973 .....	148	483	53	3	687
1974 .....	156	269	126	2	553
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<u>Canned peaches:</u>					
Average:					
1961-65 .....	760	1,698	680	45	3,183
1966-70 .....	969	2,454	1,064	60	4,547
Annual:					
1971 .....	1,030	2,511	1,259	54	4,854
1972 .....	962	2,236	1,232	48	4,478
1973 .....	985	2,465	1,136	24	4,610
1974 .....	667	1,098	733	20	2,518
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<u>Canned pears:</u>					
Average:					
1961-65 .....	131	2,481	107	69	2,788
1966-70 .....	116	2,824	102	74	3,115
Annual:					
1971 .....	86	3,132	192	68	3,478
1972 .....	142	1,961	96	26	2,225
1973 .....	182	2,648	113	41	2,984
1974 .....	104	2,894	83	21	3,102
:					
<u>Canned mixed fruit:</u>					
Average:					
1961-65 .....	35	344	104	34	517
1966-70 .....	68	1,353	246	31	1,698
Annual:					
1971 .....	160	1,386	231	---	1,777
1972 .....	180	1,511	217	1	1,909
1973 .....	128	1,702	256	5	2,091
1974 .....	81	1,054	224	11	1,370
:					
<u>Total deciduous fruit:</u>					
Average:					
1961-65 .....	1,036	4,817	1,105	181	7,139
1966-70 .....	1,277	7,096	1,590	179	10,143
Annual:					
1971 .....	1,476	7,678	2,016	145	11,315
1972 .....	1,447	6,188	1,738	79	9,452
1973 .....	1,443	7,298	1,558	73	10,372
1974 .....	1,008	5,315	1,166	54	7,543

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

SOURCE: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

AUSTRALIAN CANNED FRUIT CONSUMPTION, 1970-73  
 (In kilograms per capita)

Item	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
Apples .....	1.1	0.9	0.9	1/
Apricots .....	1.4	0.9	1.1	1/
Fruit salad .....	1.6	1.2	1.6	1/
Peaches .....	2.1	1.9	2.3	1/
Pears .....	1.2	1.5	1.1	1/
Pineapple .....	2.2	2.2	2.3	1/
Other .....	0.7	0.6	0.4	1/
Total .....	10.3	9.2	9.7	10.3

1/ Not available.

AUSTRALIAN TREE NUMBERS FOR SELECTED FRUIT, 1966-67 THROUGH 1974-75  
 (In thousands of trees)

Year	Apricots		Peaches		Pears				
	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total			
1966-67 . . .	962	191	1,153	2,452	551	3,003	2,039	636	2,675
1967-68 . . .	909	211	1,120	2,397	614	3,011	2,167	548	2,715
1968-69 . . .	893	192	1,085	2,349	546	2,895	2,188	523	2,711
1969-70 . . .	867	176	1,043	2,353	514	2,867	2,205	489	2,694
1970-71 . . .	877	170	1,047	2,272	497	2,769	2,267	382	2,649
1971-72 . . .	882	172	1,054	2,252	481	2,733	2,145	349	2,494
1972-73 . . .	855	156	1,011	2,099	422	2,521	2,168	279	2,447
1973-74 . . .	801	141	942	1,717	375	2,092	1,960	288	2,248
1974-75 . . .	730	127	857	1,537	338	1,875	1,945	241	2,186

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1/ Preliminary.

SOURCE: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, 1973-74, and Crop and Fruit Statistics: Australia, 1974-75 (Preliminary), Commonwealth Bureau of Census Statistics, Canberra

AUSTRALIAN TREE NUMBERS FOR SELECTED FRUIT BY STATE IN 1973-74  
 (In thousands of trees)

Kind of Fruit	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Total Australia
<u>Bearing:</u>							
Apples .....	1,028	1,210	1,049	509	934	1,653	6,385
Apricots .....	112	232	43	369	14	31	801
Cherries .....	232	136	1/	45	3	4	419
Nectarines .....	32	36	35	21	6	2	132
Peaches .....	478	727	128	334	48	3	1,717
Pears .....	177	357	96	157	63	110	1,960
Plums and prunes .....	384	111	123	57	70	3	748
<u>Total:</u>							
Apples .....	1,315	1,472	1,215	628	1,087	2,000	7,720
Apricots .....	121	273	48	446	17	38	942
Cherries .....	364	181	1/	67	8	7	628
Nectarines .....	42	50	48	28	9	2	178
Peaches .....	556	943	144	385	62	3	2,092
Pears .....	206	1,535	119	188	83	116	2,248
Plums and prunes .....	474	153	147	78	82	3	937

1/ Not available.

SOURCE: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, Commonwealth Bureau of Census Statistics, Canberra,  
 1973-74

AUSTRALIAN TREE NUMBERS FOR SELECTED FRUIT BY STATE IN 1974-75  
 (In thousands of trees)

Kind of Fruit	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Total
<u>Bearing:</u>							
Apples	1,004	1,126	955	484	925	1,311	5,805
Apricots	93	210	39	346	13	29	730
Cherries	212	118	1	1/	—	5	336
Peaches	430	669	120	316	1/	2	1,537
Pears	161	1,394	90	150	67	83	1,945
Plums and prunes	355	103	121	60	68	2	709
<u>Total:</u>							
Apples	1,258	1,374	1,111	591	1,073	1,562	6,969
Apricots	101	242	43	420	16	35	857
Cherries	330	156	1	1/	—	7	494
Peaches	494	886	135	358	1/	2	1,875
Pears	186	1,532	1,111	178	91	88	2,186
Plums and prunes	440	171	141	74	79	3	908

1/ Not available.

SOURCE: Crop and Fruit Statistics: Australia, 1974-75 (Preliminary), Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra.

SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED FRUIT PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS, 1971-75  
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Canned Fruit	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975 2/
Production:					
Apricots .....	721	596	603	478	717
Peaches .....	5,526	5,472	5,331	6,105	6,236
Pears .....	1,562	1,379	1,527	1,506	1,500
Mixed fruit .....	1,346	1,380	1,489	1,819	1,722
Total deciduous ...	<u>9,155</u>	<u>8,827</u>	<u>8,950</u>	<u>9,908</u>	<u>10,175</u>
Exports:					
Apricots .....	512	624	648	380	274
Peaches .....	3,979	5,018	5,955	4,623	3,698
Pears .....	1,004	1,347	1,577	1,091	840
Mixed fruit .....	1,003	1,439	1,432	1,311	1,360
Total deciduous ...	<u>6,498</u>	<u>8,428</u>	<u>9,612</u>	<u>7,405</u>	<u>6,172</u>

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cans.

2/ Estimate.

SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED PEACH SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, 1972-75  
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1972	1973	1974	1975 2/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 ....	1,831	1,735	551	1,508
Production .....	<u>5,472</u>	<u>5,331</u>	<u>6,105</u>	<u>6,236</u>
Total .....	<u>7,303</u>	<u>7,066</u>	<u>6,656</u>	<u>7,744</u>
Distribution:				
Exports .....	5,018	5,955	4,623	3,698
Domestic disappearance .....	550	560	525	531
Ending stocks, October 31 .....	<u>1,735</u>	<u>551</u>	<u>1,508</u>	<u>3,515</u>
Total .....	<u>7,303</u>	<u>7,066</u>	<u>6,656</u>	<u>7,744</u>

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cans.

2/ Estimate.

SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED PEAR SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, 1972-75  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1972	1973	1974	1975 2/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 ....	670	427	94	319
Production .....	<u>1,379</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>1,506</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total .....	2,049	1,954	1,600	1,819
Distribution:				
Exports .....	1,347	1,577	1,091	840
Domestic disappearance .....	275	283	190	193
Ending stocks, October 31 .....	<u>427</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>319</u>	<u>786</u>
Total .....	2,049	1,954	1,600	1,819

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Forecast.

SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED APRICOT SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, 1972-75  
 (In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1972	1973	1974	1975 2/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 ....	202	119	18	81
Production .....	<u>596</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>478</u>	<u>717</u>
Total .....	798	722	496	798
Distribution:				
Exports .....	624	648	380	274
Domestic disappearance .....	55	56	35	36
Ending stocks, October 31 .....	<u>119</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>488</u>
Total .....	798	722	496	798

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate.

SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED MIXED FRUIT SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, 1972-75  
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Item	1972	1973	1974	1975 2/
Supply:	:			
Beginning stocks, November 1 ....	404	195	95	503
Production .....	1,380	1,489	1,819	1,722
	:			
Total .....	1,784	1,684	1,914	2,225
	:			
Distribution:	:			
Exports .....	1,439	1,432	1,311	1,360
Domestic disappearance .....	150	157	100	102
Ending stocks, October 31 .....	195	95	503	763
	:			
Total .....	1,784	1,684	1,914	2,225

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Estimate.

NOTE: Mixed fruit includes fruit cocktail, fruit salad, and two-fruits.

COMMERCIAL UTILIZATION OF DECIDUOUS FRUIT BY MEMBERS OF  
THE SOUTH AFRICAN FRUIT CANNING INDUSTRY, 1972-75  
(In thousands of metric tons)

Kind	1972	1973	1974	1975
Pears, Bartlett .....	41,982	48,211	43,662	46,423
Apricots .....	15,100	12,872	11,133	19,691
Peaches, Clingstone .....	109,011	106,910	118,394	122,119

SOUTH AFRICAN MINIMUM GROWERS PRICES FOR FRESH DECIDUOUS  
FRUITS FOR PROCESSING, 1972 THROUGH 1975 1/  
(In dollars per metric tons)

Kind	1972	1973	1974	1975
Apricots:				
Royal .....	87	99	120	160
Bulida .....	84	99	130	160
Peaches:				
Clingstone .....	86	109	154	168
Pears:				
Bartlett .....	68	81	120	128

1/ Canning grade. Currency converted from rands to dollars at rate prevailing when price was announced. Not directly comparable with previous years.

SOURCE: Canning Apricots and Peach Board and Deciduous Fruit Board

ARGENTINA AND CHILE CANNED DECIDUOUS FRUIT PRODUCTION  
(In thousands of cases 1/)

Kind of fruit	Average	1972	1973	1974	1975 <u>2/</u>
	1966-70				
<u>Argentina:</u>					
Apricots .....	22	30	10	24	29
Cherries .....	15	22	21	24	22
Mixed fruit .....	154	152	220	637	610
Peaches .....	1,448	1,715	318	1,764	1,840
Pears .....	67	49	24	318	340
Total .....	1,706	1,968	593	2,767	2,841
<u>Chile:</u>					
Peaches .....	531	517	381	421	474
Other .....	72	183	159	165	178
Total .....	603	700	540	586	652

1/ Cases of equivalent 24.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cans.

2/ Estimate.

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